

H.C. Burleigh Papers

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The Brothers Islands lie in the channel of the Bay of Quinte. A long bar stretches from the eastern tip of Amherst Island, and almost reaches the lower Brother.

"The Islands had no settlers upon them as they are much too small. On one stands a lighthouse beacon to show passing ships that they are there. On another a summer cottage has lately been built. From an old newspaper clipping has been gleaned the fact that at one time a quaint little man known as Hughie the Hermit made his home upon the central island. His home was a small hut built of driftwood and he made his living by fishing. Nor was his home devoid of conveniences, for under the house he constructed a fish pond — fresh fish always at hand — while beside the hut he had a small garden. It is over fifty years since this sole occupant of the island passed on.

Hughie the Hermit.

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7 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

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Name of Island changed in 1792 by Simcoe  
to Oakes Island, in memory of General  
Amherst. Originally known to Indians as  
"Kaouenesago," meaning "the drowned ground"  
12½ miles from Kingston. Isle Verte after  
the story of Sir Wm Johnson and the Indian  
Chief bargaining.

Came to Sir John - the west half - and  
eventually the East half. Told to his daughter

Montgomery came as first resident agent in 1871  
1st Congl. Church erected about 1836, about  
a mile west of Stilla. Land given by Lord  
Mount Cashel.

First regular Pres. services in 1849 by Mr  
The Seize. The first church by roadside in  
front of later church. Cumberland arrived  
in 1881. He stayed & returned in 1920

Methodists held services in Orange Hall at  
- Stilla until 1874  
Father McMahon R.P. first held services in  
- homes of people until 1860 when present ch. built

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1849 26 Mar First light w lighthouse at evening,  
this season

1852 17 Apr Ice beginning to break up about the  
Brothers (Islands)

1853 2 Apr. Archd Embatt came across from the Island  
in a skiff around the lower end  
of the Brothers

1855 31 Mar A great many sleighs on the ice; they  
travel through by the Brothers to Knapton.

1858 2 Apr The channel open opposite here & below  
the Brothers.

1860 26 Jan An Suffer of A.I. drowned a span of  
horses near the Brothers.

1862 17 May Samuel Benjamin drowned at the  
Brothers fishing with a net. Leaves  
wife & child

1863 24 Feb Sleighs from Id. go to Knapton through  
the Brothers on the ice

1863 27 Jul. Hugh Macachlan - known as the  
Hermit of the Brothers Ids., died at  
the Knapton Hospital, aged 72 years

20 Dec A steam boat is aground on the long  
bar near the Brothers; another steamer  
came from Knapton & got her off in the  
night.

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189. 242. 273. 310. 323. 329. 335

1st ferry built at Colleywood 1928. Second  
one built in K. Shipyards 1954. In between  
a converted landing craft of 2nd World War  
Present

### Brothers Jets

- 1834 29 Nov. A man drowned near the "Brothers"  
from Mr. McAulay's schooner.
- 1837 26 Feb. There was a wolf killed to day at  
the Brothers, and one above Bath,  
which were chased with horses  
on the ice.
- Apr 2 Ice open in a channel about the  
"Brothers", and above
- 1838 29 Mar. Ice out below the Brothers and the  
channel open some miles.
- 1839 Mar 28 Ice gone below the Brothers + Her-  
mers' Point
- 1840 28 Mar Ice is above the Brothers and  
persons crossing on it
- 1841 16 Apr a schooner anchored at the Brothers.  
Ice from here to Upper Gap.
- 1844 19 Mar The lake open at the lower gap and  
above the Brothers.
- 1846 4 Jan the lake <sup>open</sup> below the Brothers to Colley Bay  
footmen crossing above.
- 17 Jan The ice frozen beyond the Brothers
- 1849 22 Mar. Ice holes up from Brothers to Hermer's  
Point

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An item in John C. Clark's diary of date 37 July 1863, states that Hugh MacEachlan — known as the Hermit of the Brothers Islands died at the General Hospital, aged 72 years.

1 year later an item in the newspaper states that

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O'Connor & Co

## Family Connections 2

1916 Mrs. Nelson & little son, Ambert Id., are at her mother's,  
Mrs. S. Richards  
Mrs. Rignold & dau., Stella, are in Toronto the  
guests of her uncle, Dr. Lockhart & also of Mrs. MacKellar

### "The Three Brother Islands and Hughie the Hermit."

In those sweet little isles, so closely allied  
That stand like "three brothers" to battle life's tide.  
In summer when calm, in echoes resound;  
To the hermit's lone voice breaking silence profound.

As I gaze on them now so lonely and still,  
Excepting the cry of the seagull shrill:

For "Hughie the Hermit" has passed away  
From his island home in "Quite Bay."

Now no more he treads his rounds  
Nor to echo his voice resounds;  
Since he peacefully sank to rest,  
Leaving his isle for a home more blest.

Yet onward still the blue waves roll  
Amongst the rocks with mournful toll  
In accents weird their murmurs tell,  
That once a hermit here did dwell.

-A. J. H. (1862).

### Clark Diary

7 July 1863 Hugh McLauchlan - known as the Hermit  
of the Brothers Islands, died at the General  
Hospital, aged 72 years  
g e c Dary.

Mary Hickey  
Lx Rob. Hickey  
1840-1904  
But Hickey wife?  
Jane Henderson (1843-1919)  
at Island T. Hickey  
Hughie  
McLauchlan

Henderson  
Hill

Jane Bruffon ex  
Andrew Hall 1815-1862  
Agnes Trueman 1827-1890  
Andrew Henderson  
1830-1891



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McLaughlin, Alexander = Mary

→ Mary<sup>2</sup> bp 3.15.1789

Hannah<sup>2</sup> bp 2.13.1791

Jacob<sup>2</sup> bp 1.13.1793

U. E. List.

Alex<sup>n</sup> (Laughlin) Midland Invented by Order - in -  
Council 12<sup>th</sup> July, 1798, was 10  
days a soldier in McAlpine's  
Cops. taken prisoner, etc.

Long. claim witnesses - nil

L. B. O.

Alex<sup>n</sup> 7.12.98 Praying to have his name put on the  
U. E. list. Rec. to do this for Midland district.  
" " Praying lds. in addition as U. E. L. having  
only received 100. Rec. 100 add. as U. E.

" 10.8.88 1/2 lot 17 conc. 2 Ernestown

St. Georges

nil.

